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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of April 18, 2005, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the application and that the application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and the following discussion.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.